

Legislature Gets Word

Milliken Tax Plan Not Enough, Aid Says

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Gov. William Milliken's proposed income tax hike for next Jan. 1 won't raise enough money to pay the state's 1971-72 bills, a top aide told legislative tax experts Tuesday.

Alternatives mentioned at a top level session with budget writers included doubling the proposed 1 per cent increase in the personal income tax or speeding up the effective date to as early as this July 1.

Glenn S. Allen Jr., the governor's chief budget analyst, said

flatly that "the 1 per cent starting Jan. 1 is not going to do it." He said pairing welfare costs and a July 1 hike in civil service pay helped boost Milliken's proposed \$1.97 billion budget well over the \$2 billion mark and make more revenue essential.

Allen reported also that the state would have a \$53 million deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30 if steps are not taken to defer some of this year's payments.

Allen emphasized, meanwhile, that next year's money

matters remain very much up in the air until the legislature acts on related items, such as the \$180 million Spencer-Ryan school aid plan, an \$85 million restoration of property and city income-tax credits against the state income tax and an additional \$50 million sought by cities and counties for next year.

HEAVY DEFICIT

If the legislature approves the total request of local units, fails to repeal the Spencer-Ryan plan written into law last

year and restores the credits, the state's projected deficit for June 30, 1972, could top \$400 million, Allen said.

"None of the above increases are considered likely but are listed to fully disclose the magnitude of potential expenditures should the legislature fail to take affirmative action," his memo concluded.

Using a similar set of "Ifs," including lower revenue than

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KISS FOR THE WINNER: Frank L. Rizzo, former Philadelphia police commissioner, gets kissed by his daughter Joanna, 21, after he won the Democratic nomination for mayor of Philadelphia in a bitter primary election. At right is his wife, Carmella, with son, Frank Jr. partially hidden in rear. Rizzo won easily over U.S. Rep. William J. Green in a campaign marked by party splits and charges. (AP Wirephoto)

'Vacation' Over; Railroad Industry On Move Again

Congress Halts Strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The giant U.S. rail system began shuffling off effects of a two-day paralysis today and started moving tired commuters to their jobs and materials to the nation's factories.

Members of the 13,000-member AFL-CIO Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, which had immobilized the rail system before Congress broke the coast-to-coast strike, began removing pickets from terminals and freight yards shortly after President Nixon signed legislation ending the walkout.

BACK TO WORK

Union President C. J. Chamberlain notified strikers shortly before midnight Tuesday the walkout was over and ordered them back to their jobs.

The Penn Central reported freight trains were rolling again within an hour of Nixon's decree. Other railroads said they would resume service as the day progressed.

Amtrak, the national passenger rail system, announced all trains except four would operate on schedule today. The four, which run from San Diego to Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., to Seattle, and Carbondale, Ill., to Chicago, will be in service Thursday.

Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson said it probably would be 24 hours before full service was in effect, but Chamberlain said restoration "should be well along by morning."

The signalmen's union, which represents only two per cent of the nation's 500,000-member railway labor force, struck the rail system Monday morning in a dispute over wages. Their

picket lines were honored by other unions and almost all service was halted.

Congress quickly enacted a measure Tuesday giving the signalmen a 13.5-per-cent wage hike and ordering a halt to the walkout until at least Oct. 1. President Nixon signed the measure about 10:30 p.m.

The short-lived strike had its effects on commerce.

A dozen West Virginia coal mines were shut down; Detroit auto firms and Pittsburgh steel producers cut back production. The Kellogg Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., and the Quaker Oats Co. at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, shut down altogether.

Growers and processors of perishable foods sought to divert their produce to trucks but many reported only partial success.

The walkout also affected the stock market. The New York Stock Exchange dropped sharply Monday, rose slightly at midday Tuesday but closed 2.74 points down in the Dow Jones averages.

LEGISLATION ASKED

And it again brought cries— and a promise of congressional hearings—for new legislation to deal with emergency strikes in rail and other transportation in-

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NEW GENERALS: The Army announced Tuesday the promotion of two women colonels to the rank of brigadier general. Col. Mildred C. Bailey, left, is now deputy commanding officer of the WAC Center at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Col. Lillian Dunlap is now director of nursing activities at Walter Reed Army Hospital. (AP Wirephoto)

Deadline July 15 For Entering Glad Parade

COLOMA — Mrs. Mike Dilts, secretary for the Coloma Gladiolus Festival committee, said last night that the deadline for entering a float or group into the festival parade is July 15.

The parade is to be held Aug. 7 in conjunction with the annual festival.

Also during the committee meeting, Al Benner, acting committee president, reported radio stations in South Haven and Dowagiac were tentatively planning on broadcasting the parade while in progress.

Texans End Drought

'Tough Cop' Is Easy Philadelphia Victor

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philadelphia's self-styled "tough cop" candidate for mayor, Frank L. Rizzo, easily won the Democratic primary Tuesday night by getting more votes than both his major opponents combined after a bitter campaign.

In Texas, a proposal to legalize the sale of liquor by the drink won by a landslide in 46 counties ending a drought that

began in 1919.

Dale Tooley surprised the pollsters in Denver by outpolling incumbent Mayor Bill McNichols, forcing a runoff June 15 between the two Democrats in a nonpartisan mayoral election.

Another incumbent was topped in Oakland, Calif., where lawyer John Sutter defeated City Councilman Harvey C. Binns in a runoff election for an at-large council seat, 37,335

votes to 34,530.

The returns from Philadelphia, 99 per cent complete, gave Rizzo 176,621 votes to 127,902 for Rep. William L. Green, 32, a liberal congressman, and 45,026 for State Rep. Hardy Williams, 39, the only black candidate in the eight-man race.

The former police commissioner, 50, had the backing of outgoing mayor James H. Tate and the Democratic organization.

Green, the son of the city's long-time Democratic boss, broke with organization in 1968 to support the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's presidential campaign. Gov. Milton J. Shapp and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy were among big-name liberals who gave Green their support.

Williams had hoped a big vote in the black ghettos would give him a bargaining force in city politics.

Texas voters barely passed a constitutional amendment to permit a \$100 million bond issue for improving local sewage systems. They defeated state constitutional amendments that would have removed welfare ceilings except for aid to dependent children, established an ethics commission for state officials and an amendment making it easier to amend the constitution.

Unofficial returns in the Denver race gave Tooley 45,308 votes to 44,035 for McNichols and 39,212 for Republican Joe

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Resor Demotes My Lai General

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor today demoted Maj. Gen. Samuel Koster and stripped him of a high decoration for failing to investigate adequately the My Lai massacre.

Koster, a former West Point superintendent was reduced to Brigadier General and his distinguished service medal withdrawn for his performance as commander of the Americal Division at the time of the My Lai incident in March 1968.

At the same time, Resor rejected a recommendation from Army leaders that Brig. Gen. George Young, who was assistant division commander, be reduced in rank to colonel.

However, the Army secretary said Young's "failure to meet the required standards of performance" justifies the cancellation of the DSM and a letter of censure in his file.

Resor's actions capped months of study following dismissal of cover-up charges against both officers.

Army officials said 11 other officers whose records were "flagged" after cover-up charges were dropped against them remain under study, along with the records of other Army officers and enlisted men who were charged in the massacre incident itself and either acquitted or the charges dismissed.

Delinquent Dads Jailed By Judge For Contempt

Two men were ordered jailed in Berrien circuit court Tuesday for falling behind in child support payments for children on Aid to Dependent Children grants.

Judge Chester J. Byrns found Michael LeRoy Hojara, 28, of 3018 Pine Lake road, Niles, in contempt of court for falling \$957 behind in support payments for one child of a former marriage on ADC, according to

Mary Rondelli, a friend of the court investigator.

Hojara was ordered jailed six months, but he may be released earlier by producing a payment plan satisfactory to the court.

Charles Richard Bolden, 21, of 136 Lake street, Benton Harbor, was found guilty of contempt by Judge Byrns for falling \$764 behind in support payments for one illegitimate child on ADC, Mrs. Rondelli reported.

Bolden was ordered jailed three months, but he may be released earlier by producing a payment plan satisfactory to the court.

Mrs. Rondelli also reported Dennis Payne of St. Joseph appeared before Judge Byrns earlier this week to answer charges of falling \$1,084 behind in support for two children of a prior marriage on ADC. Payne paid the \$1,084 and was released, Mrs. Rondelli said.

Unruly Suspect Bound, Gagged While In Court

A 50-year-old Benton Harborite sentenced to six months in jail Monday for contempt of Berrien circuit court was bound and gagged during his court appearance Tuesday.

Circuit Judge Karl F. Zick ordered George Thomas Henley, of 612 Edwards avenue, Benton Harbor, gagged with a towel by three Berrien sheriff's deputies during Henley's arraignment on a gross indecency charge Tuesday when Henley repeatedly refused to be quiet and interrupted the judge, court personnel reported.

After being ungagged, Henley refused to be quiet and the judge ordered his hands bound and mouth gagged, they said.

Judge Zick said it was the first instance of gagging to his knowledge in Berrien circuit court.

The judge later ordered a plea of standing mute entered on behalf of Henley after he refused to answer questions.

Judge Zick found Henley in contempt of court for misconduct Monday during Henley's appearance on his court-appointed attorney's motion to withdraw from the case. Judge Zick sentenced Henley to six

months in jail. Judge Zick on Tuesday continued Henley's right to a court-appointed attorney. Two court-appointed attorneys and two court-appointed "advisory counsel" named at Henley's request already have stepped out of the case.

Henley was remanded to jail Tuesday to await further disposition. He is accused of committing gross indecency with a boy in Benton Harbor last Jan. 23.

Powerful Quake Hits Siberia

VIENNA (AP) — The Vienna Meteorological Institute today reported a powerful earthquake with its center believed to be in eastern Siberia.

It registered 7.1 on the Richter scale. By comparison, the Los Angeles earthquake in February registered between 6 and 6.5.

ONE WITNESS SAVES HIS LIFE

Some Laugh As Man Burns

Benton township police are seeking a warrant for the arrest of a man accused of pouring gasoline on Robert Wilder, 33, of 975 Buss avenue, and lighting it with a match yesterday. Wilder received second and third degree burns on the back. Police said some bystanders laughed at the incident, but William Mills, 36, of 1038 Blossom lane, grabbed Wilder and rolled him on the ground. He ripped the shirt off and extinguished the fire in the process.

The incident occurred while Wilder was cleaning up a yard

near the Fair Avenue Recreation hall, 153 North Fair avenue. Police said the gas was poured from a can Wilder had there for a lawn mower.

Wilder was treated and released from Benton Harbor Mercy hospital. Lt. Jack Drach said he was seeking a warrant to charge Marvin Reed Hayes, 25, of 790 Pavone avenue, with assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Police said no reason was given for the act.

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

New Watchdog For
The Courthouse

Monday the Berrien Board of Commissioners' finance committee unwrapped an organizational plan which has been under exploration almost from the day the one man-one vote rule substantially altered the method of electing the Board.

A study undertaken for the committee by Dr. Arthur Klein, a business administration instructor at Andrews University, recommend shifting the county government toward but not all the way to the position Lee Hill occupies in the scheme of things at the St. Joseph city hall.

Dr. Klein urges the Board to hire what he calls an administrative coordinator.

He would assign several obligations to the coordinator which either the Board or the county departments handle directly, and in some instances do not exist at this time. This includes a county policy manual, personnel and labor relations, computerized records, uniform accounting, budget examinations, purchasing, tax information, and public relations.

Substantially, Dr. Klein is urging the Board to put the county's housekeeping functions under a professional person who would be directly responsible to the county fathers.

This is a lesser requirement placed upon Hill or upon Don Stewart in Benton Harbor and the authority is not as far reaching as the law permits the Board to go. It does, though, move toward the commission-city manager system which the law created for those Michigan cities wishing to avail themselves of a centralized governing plan.

Both Dr. Klein and the Commissioners carefully avert referring to the terms, manager or controller, although his recommendation fit perfectly within the county controller statute adopted in 1927 and amended in minor details twice since.

The statutory controller is an overall auditor for all offices, the purchasing agent for county supplies, and the maintenance man for county buildings.

Additionally, he can perform, in the words of the statute, "such other duties as the Board may impose."

Only a very few states employ the county manager system in the real sense of the term.

The Michigan tradition has been a collection of independently elected offices and Board appointed commissions each functioning by themselves. In a negative manner, the Board has a purse string control over those offices and agencies.

The 1927 statute re-styled that tradition with some degree of positivity, but stopped short of permitting the controller to mastermind the internal operations within the various departments.

The Klein report adopts some but not all aspects of the controller concept.

If the Board accepts the Klein proposal, the coordinator should be able to give the Board a faster, more comprehensive view of what's going on and what may be amiss. Under the present system the Board members, not being full time operators, necessarily have to rely upon individual and some times conflicting reports from the different offices and agencies.

To borrow a term from the TV people, this kind of instant replay is a growing necessity in a county as complex as Berrien is, and as the function of county government itself is developing in Michigan. Like it or not, the township, village and city are gradually yielding to the county as the basic unit in local government.

This trend and our own local conditions make the Klein report the first step toward an eventual solution.

On The Track

The long haul toward providing faster, cleaner rail service for intercity passengers has begun. Burdened by antiquated equipment, neglected roadbeds, curbed operations and what could be a chronic shortage of money, the managers and staff of Amtrak will not find the going easy.

The railroads are in a sorry state of fatigue. Most are at least four decades past their prime and undernourished by a long diet of financial losses. They suffer from excessively high overhead, featherbedding work crews and more than a suspicion that the men who ran them were shunning passengers just as determinedly as the riders were abandoning the trains.

Still, Amtrak, as the quasi-governmental National Railroad Passenger Corp. is known, must be well aware of the problems, and just as determined to overcome them.

In selecting Roger Lewis, an executive with airline, aircraft and defense industry experience, as its first president, Amtrak has chosen a leader unlikely to be hobbled by past practices. That's all to the good, because new concepts are obviously needed if rail passenger trains are to move out of the motorized stagecoach era.

With his airline background, Lewis may be able to summon some of the courtesy and co-operative treatment that have helped the air carriers win business away from the rails.

Wisely, Amtrak's incorporators have decided on a cautious start. Almost half of the nation's 366 long distance passenger runs have been or will be discontinued, but those remaining provide a solid or manageable basis for demonstrating that the job can be done.

Those plush days when the Twentieth Century and the Overland Limited were the elegant examples of how to travel will not be seen again. If Amtrak succeeds, intercity train service will again be serviceable and able to survive.

The Endless Name Game

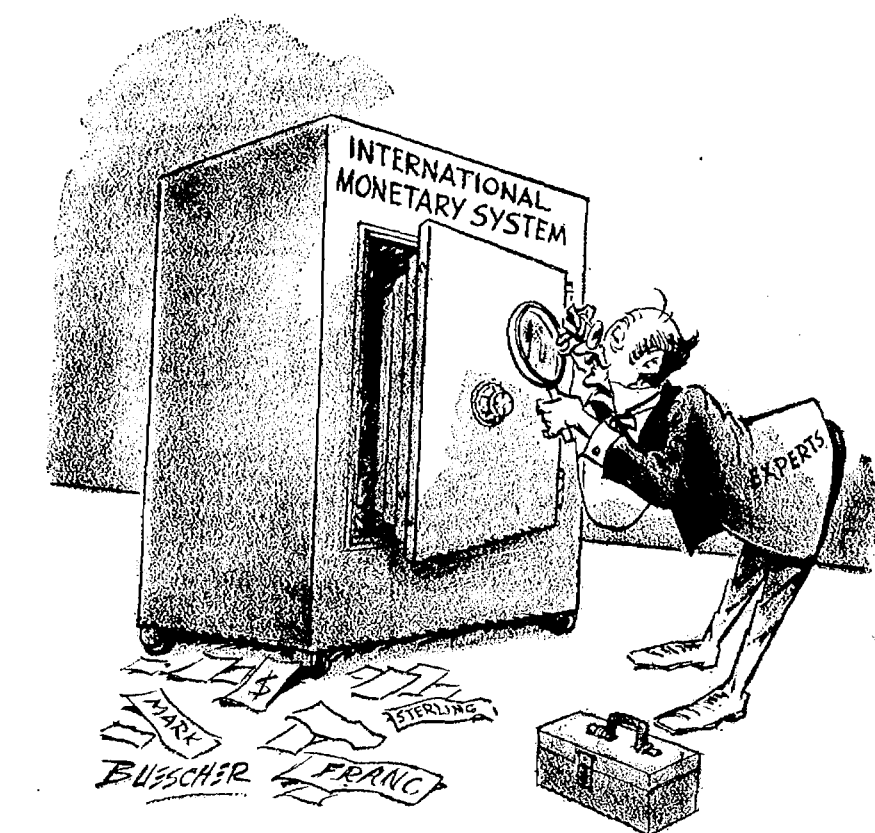
No one can blame Mrs. Ronald Reagan for saying politics is a dirty business and wishing publicly her husband would not run for office again after his current term as governor of California. Not after the irresponsible political attack made on the fact Reagan paid no state income taxes last year.

The reason he paid no state income taxes, his office said, was because of "business reverses." That is another way of saying some of the governor's investments lost money last year, a situation not uncommon in a period of recession.

The governor's opponents have tried to make political capital out of some twisted logic which seems to say that a person, just because he is wealthy, ought to pay taxes whether his losses offset his income, whether his worth on paper grew or diminished, or even whether he was required by law to pay taxes.

No allegations have been made that Reagan did anything improper. That is what makes all the tsk-tsking nothing but political demagoguery. Yes, Mrs. Reagan, politics can be a "dirty" business. But if all those who noticed that fact retired from politics, only those who couldn't tell the difference would remain.

New Combination Needed



GLANCING BACKWARDS

DEPARTMENT IS MOVING
—1 Year Ago—
Less than four years after it was first occupied, Berrien's county's new courthouse has overflowed its capacity.

The county board of commissioners at its May meeting yesterday approved a 10-year lease under which the county social services department will move out of the courthouse and into new rented quarters at 1134 Crystal avenue, Benton township.

'DOZERS FOR PRISONERS
—10 Years Ago—
Fidel Castro has offered to trade more than 1,000 prisoners of the April 17 invasion for 500 American bulldozers.

The startling sword-for-plowshares offer last night evoked wild cheers from several thousand peasants assembled at the Rancho Boyeros agricultural fair near Havana.

JAPS RIPE FOR PACIFIC PEACE
—30 Years Ago—
What might have been the big news of the day, but didn't so develop, was the report published in the Russian press yesterday to the effect that the United States had taken the initiative in seeking a far eastern accord with Japan, this to include American mediation of the Chino-Japanese war.

Maybe the story was a trial balloon blown by somebody; perhaps it was another of those things which grow out of wishful thinking somewhere. In any event it is without confirmation.

NEW OFFICERS
—40 Years Ago—
Mrs. Harold R. Morse was elected president of the Lincoln school PTA at the May meeting yesterday, succeeding Mrs. John D. Preston. Other new officers are: Mrs. W. C. Carver, vice president; Mrs. John P. Hamilton, treasurer, and Miss Ruth Johnson, secretary.

WINNERS
—50 Years Ago—
Trackmen of St. Joseph high school swept the field and emerged winners of the Berrien County Inter-scholastic meet, held at the House of David ball park. Eddie Everett was high point man for the St. Joseph team, and also captured individual honors for the entire meet.

RETURNS
—60 Years Ago—
Father Esper has returned from a short trip to Watervliet.

NEW OFFICE
—80 Years Ago—
Justice Kingsley is nicely settled over King and Cooper's grocery in his new office.

HENRY CATHCART
Inside Washington

WASHINGTON—it is not the kind of issue that will generate huge amounts of political support, but many here feel the Nixon administration's attempt to reorganize the federal bureaucracy, if successful, could rank at the top of the President's domestic accomplishments.

That the situation is a mess is beyond dispute. Consider these facts:

Nine different federal departments and 20 independent agencies are now involved in education.

Seven departments and eight independent agencies are involved in health.

In many major cities there are 20 to 30 federally sponsored manpower programs. Three departments are charged with the development of water resources and four agencies in two departments are involved in the management of public lands.

Federal recreation areas are administered by six different agencies in three departments of the government. Six departments of the federal government collect similar economic information—often from the same sources—and at least seven departments are working in the area of international trade. The list goes on and on.

The consequences of this scattered responsibility show why many wonder if there is any way to make this vast bureaucracy work.

In Phoenix, Ariz., for example, a large training center for vocational education was constructed using funds supplied by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. About the same time a private corporation, operating under a contract from the Department of Labor to train workers, constructed a similar training center three blocks away!

In the South the Department of Agriculture's program for steam channel straightening and deepening has come under vigorous attack from the Department of Interior and conservation interests. As one administration report puts it: "The process of balancing fish and wildlife and scenic values against economic development needs is unnecessarily frustrated by fragmented planning and evaluation responsibilities within the federal government."

What can the Nixon administration do about these conflicts?

The first step is reorganization of the federal bureaucracy. The President's plan would preserve the Departments of State, the Treasury, Defense and Justice. But all other departments and agencies in the federal government would be placed in four other departments.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

"What's this myth about mothers not being able to rout their teenage sons out of bed in the mornings now?" sniffed a very efficient housewife recently. "I never have the slightest difficulty with MY boy. I simply open the door and throw the cat on the bed." "How does that wake him?" asked a dubious friend.

Explained the housewife, "He sleeps with his dog."

The racing steward of a big racetrack saw an owner give his horse something to eat. Questioned at once, he explained, "It was just a piece of sugar. See for yourself." The steward, though dubious, swallowed the proffered cube, then proposed to the owner, "Just to make sure, I'd like to see you eat a cube, too."

The owner obliged, and the steward, satisfied, sauntered off. The owner then hurriedly told his jockey, "Keep our horse tightly reined until the back stretch, then give her her head."

Sam Levenson avers that his sister once tried vainly to persuade their mother to go to a Parent-Teacher Association meeting. "But Mama," she persisted, "there's going to be a famous speaker. She's going to talk about sex." Mama answered curtly, "I already gave."

DR. COLEMAN
..And Speaking
Of Your Health

There is a history of deafness in my family. Because I am a telephone operator, I have been worried that my work may increase the chances of my becoming deaf.

Miss R. E. Mass.

Dear Miss E.: There is little chance that your occupation will cause any injury to the eardrums and to the nerves of hearing.

Despite reassurance, if you are to live in a constant dread that deafness is inevitable because of your job, perhaps you should consider another type of work.

This would free you of anxiety, but I would like to emphasize that your concern is unfounded.

This is a good time to point out that there is a definite relationship between the constant intense noise of some occupations and deafness.

Exposure to gunfire, certain factory and machine shop noises, sonic and supersonic booms can all be responsible for hearing problems.

Acoustical engineers have made great strides in developing devices to protect workers from excessive noise levels. Too often, however, workers fail to take advantage of these safety devices.

I had a severe injury to the bridge of my nose. Ever since, I notice a sudden gush of colorless fluid from my nose.

It happens about once a month. Have you ever heard of this?

Mr. G. D. D., Va.

Dear Mr. D.: Yes, I have, and there may well be a connection between your symptoms and your injury.

Deep inside the nose there is a sieve-like tissue, the cribriform plate. Through this, fine delicate nerves, responsible for our ability to smell, pass into the brain.

If this plate is fractured, there may be a sudden gush of spinal fluid into the nose—occurring exactly as you describe it.

The next time this happens collect some of this fluid in a small vial and take it to your doctor. Chemical and microscopic examination can show if this fluid is a leakage from inside the skull.

How does a coma differ from a fainting spell?

Mrs. S. W., Fla.

Dear Mrs. W.: A coma is a serious state of unconsciousness from which patients are difficult to arouse.

Fainting is a temporary loss of consciousness, the causes of which are usually not as serious.

HEALTH: Wash all fruits before eating.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER
Contract Bridge

then covering dummy's nine with the ten.

South ruffs but does not have to be a genius to realize that East must have the missing queen of hearts. East could not sensibly play the 7-6-10 in that order unless he also had the queen.

South's prospects are extremely good at this point, but he may unwittingly fall into the error of drawing trumps, cashing the ace of clubs and finessing the jack.

In the actual case the jack would lose to the queen, and, when declarer later tried a diamond finesse, he would lose that also and finish down one. True, South would be unlucky to have both finesses fail—the odds are 3 to 1 that one of them will succeed—but yet that is the way the wheel sometimes spins.

But if South takes advantage of knowing where the queen of hearts is, he can assure the contract in a perfectly simple way. After ruffing the third heart he draws three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, leads the jack of hearts and discards a diamond on it.

East wins with the queen but is effectively endplayed. He must return a diamond to the A-Q or a club to the K-J. Either way, South has ten sure tricks.

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
AK62
J983
AQ4
KJ5

WEST
853
AK4
J87
10642

EAST
7
Q1076
K1052
Q983

SOUTH
AQJ1094
52
963
A7

The bidding:
South West North East
1 Pass 2NT Pass
3 Pass 4

Opening lead—king of hearts.

Card reading—the ability to deduce how the opponents' cards are divided, based on the bids and plays they have already made—is a highly important factor in the play of many hands.

For example, consider this deal. West leads the king of hearts, East signaling with the seven, and continues with the ace and another heart. East contributing first the six and

RUTH RAMSEY
Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1—According to tradition, who made the first U. S. flag?
2—Where are the Carpathian Mountains?
3—Who wrote "Treasure Island"?
4—In what city was Christopher Columbus born?
5—What mineral is ordinarily used in lead pencils?

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

FLUCTUATE—(FLUK-choo-ATE)—verb; to change continually from one course, position, condition, amount to another, vary irregularly.

BORN TODAY

One of the most famous roads in the world is named after him, but Ho Chi Minh, North Vietnam's late president, blazed another kind of trail, one that led him to the front pages of the world's attention.

To his countrymen he was "Uncle Ho," a legend among North and South Vietnamese alike. One of the last remnants of a Russian influence in the French Communist Party and helped organize Communist guerrilla forces in South-east Asia in the 1920s and 1930s.

At one time, he was on the side of the Allies—this was in World II when he cooperated with Allied forces fighting the Japanese invaders in Indochina. After the war, however, his guerrillas engaged in an eight-year independence struggle against France.

The Geneva agreement of 1954 divided the former French protectorate into the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in the north, presided over by Ho, and the Republic of Vietnam in the south.

He was a native of the village of Kim Lien in central Vietnam (then a part of French Indochina).

Before adopting the name Ho Chi Minh (meaning "most enlightened one") in the early 1940s, he had been known by various aliases.

Exposed to revolutionary activities at an early age, Ho was expelled from Lycee Quoc Hoc, the country's best secondary school, for his anti-colonial views.

In the summer of 1912, he shipped out as a galley hand on a merchant ship and, during the next few years, traveled throughout the world. For a time he lived in New York's Harlem and in Boston.

During World War I, he studied the works of Karl Marx and other Socialists. Convinced that the road to liberation for his homeland lay in the direction of Communism, he joined the French Socialist Party.

He remained a shadowy figure through most of the 1930s. In September, 1945, he proclaimed the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

Others born today include Lady Astor and Nellie Melba.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1—Betsy Ross.
2—Between Czechoslovakia and Poland.
3—Robert Louis Stevenson.
4—Genoa, Italy.
5—Cranite.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1971



EAU CLAIRE NOT COMMITTED: Donald McAlvey, (far left) superintendent of Eau Claire schools, told Berrien Intermediate school board last night that the Eau Claire board of education has not taken a formal position on the transfer request of Sodus township residents and wished to remain non-committal at this time. He said geographically

the transfer is sound, concerning Sodus, Mt. Pleasant and Chadwick schools, but his board has questioned whether it can afford to pay for the Stump school. Seated to the right of McAlvey are Don Laskarides, Eau Claire high school principal, and Eau Claire Board Members George Sharpe and John Glassman. Opposition to transfer was voiced



by Benton Harbor Supt. Mark E. Lewis (second picture from right) while Atty. F. A. (Mike) Jones (right) represented petitioning Sodus residents who want to get out of Benton Harbor district and join Eau Claire. (Staff photos)



State Report On BH Schools Not Original

Dr. Lewis Says Money...
Not Just Words...
Needed Now

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

Dr. Mark E. Lewis, Benton Harbor superintendent, said Tuesday he appreciates the work of the State Department of Education in preparing a report on turmoil in the district.

But that's only half the battle. Lewis hopes the state will start sending money and resources to fully implement recommendations of the report. The superintendent said he had asked for an analysis of Benton Harbor's problems and a state commitment to help solve them.

He described the report as representing a lot of work interviews with more than 100 citizens here. But he also finds that much of the report is borrowed from "Disruption in Urban Public Secondary Schools" by Stephen Bailey of Syracuse university.

EXCELLENT TREATISE

The Syracuse publication is an excellent treatise on high school disruption in large urban centers, Lewis said. But Lewis thinks the Michigan report might have paid more attention to the specific problems of Benton Harbor.

The state report makes eight recommendations on Benton Harbor. Lewis yesterday described what has been and what is being done.

1. A more effective response must be found to the need for safety.

Lewis replied the high school last year tried hall monitors of young, bi-racial teams as recommended in the report. But they were not successful because they couldn't contain the situation. Adults were then employed as hall monitors — some were effective, some weren't. The high school now employs guards from Scope security service and two community aides.

The report says "presence of uniformed police in schools often contributes to the escalation of school disruption."

Lewis said uniformed police never have been regularly assigned to patrol halls. They enter only when there is a major disturbance. At times there may be unobtrusive plainclothesmen in the schools investigating crimes.

The local police, Lewis said, are extremely well trained and never use more force than necessary.

2. Enforcement of conduct policies could be made more effective through meaningful student participation.

"You can run the gamut here from the old student council idea to actually turning over the school to students," Lewis noted.

He said the present student assembly government is better than the old student council. Students participated in the formulation of the school discipline code and its yearly re-evaluation. Two students are now non-voting members of the board of education.

Lewis said the administration is open for suggestions on more meaningful participation.

3. Allegations of unfair disciplinary treatment should be dealt with in a forthright and systematic manner.

Lewis said he agrees and that is what the school is trying to do. What Lewis said is trying to do, Lewis said he is trying to do, Lewis said he is trying to do.

4. Heavy reliance on suspension and expulsion to control school disturbances poses a dilemma.

Ejection of a few students is made to protect the majority. "It is grossly unfair to let a few disrupt a school," said Lewis.

"If the state is willing to (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)



THOMAS ALFORD

Librarian Is Keynote Speaker

Thomas Alford, director of the Benton Harbor Public Library, will be keynote speaker at a statewide conference of librarians Friday in Lansing.

Alford will talk on "Libraries for Our Times" at the conference which is on library services for the economically deprived and minority groups.

The session is sponsored by Bureau of Library Services, Michigan Department of Education. It will be held in the Auditorium of the Seven Story Office building in the capital complex.

Panelists include representatives from Michigan Department of Labor, urban centers, Civil Rights commission and various libraries.

Northeast PTA Gets New Leaders

Fairplain Northeast Elementary Parent Teacher association will install new officers during a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, at the school.

Installed will be, Brian Ormsby, president; Julius McKee, president-elect; Mrs. Kenneth Lawrick, vice president, program chairman; Mrs. Robert McCrea, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Dragomir, secretary; Mrs. Berdina Jones, teacher vice president.

Plans also will be made for a PTA picnic for safety patrol members May 28 at Riverview park.

VISITS DAUGHTER

GANGES—Mrs. Otis Todd recently visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Filed, in Jeromesville, Ohio.

Petition To Quit BH Schools

Sodus Transfer Decision Near

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A decision on the proposed transfer of Sodus township from the Benton Harbor to Eau Claire school district by the Berrien County Intermediate school board will be made on or before

next Tuesday.

Approximately 100 Sodus township residents favoring transfer of their properties attended a public hearing on the matter before the Intermediate board in the high school gymnasium here last night.

Atty. F. A. (Mike) Jones,

representing petitioning Concerned Parents and Taxpayers of Sodus township, asked at the start of the hearing that Lawrence Peachey, an Intermediate board member, be disqualified from deliberating the matter because of possible conflict of interest. Peachey is a principal in the Benton Harbor system.

Jones received no response from the Intermediate board on his request. However, Vance Ferguson, a board member disqualified himself before the hearing. He lives in Sodus township. The Intermediate board has five members.

DOUBLE BENEFIT

Jones told the Intermediate board that if granted, the transfer would benefit both Benton Harbor and Eau Claire districts.

Benefits to Benton Harbor cited by Jones would be that transportation problems would be alleviated; overcrowded conditions in Benton Harbor schools would be slackened; the geographical appendage (area in question which is surrounded by Eau Claire school district on three sides) would be removed; and it would help eliminate one of the heterogeneous elements, which according to the Englehart report—has helped create the Benton Harbor district's problems.

"This would be accomplished

by not adversely affecting the financial basis of Benton Harbor's district," Atty. Jones said.

Benefits to the Eau Claire district cited by Jones: the transfer would substantially improve the financial basis of Eau Claire's district; and improve Eau Claire's per student valuation without overcrowding its classroom facilities.

"But perhaps most important," Atty. Jones told the board, "the transfer will accede to the wishes of better than 88 per cent of the people in the area."

"They are not looking for a Utopia for they know that certain problems are inherent in any school district," Jones said.

"Yet they are looking for and certainly deserve certain basic assurances such as the safety of their children, reasonable transportation and an educational pursuit which is not overshadowed by fear, but is one that is earned and gained by the desire to learn in an atmosphere of safety and

friendship."

Eleven residents of Sodus township delivered brief summaries explaining their reasoning in seeking the transfer, before Dr. Mark E. Lewis, superintendent of Benton Harbor Area Schools, expressed opposition to the transfer on behalf of the Benton Harbor school board.

"Transfer of this portion of Sodus township would make problems worse for all concerned," Dr. Lewis said. He indicated that problems are not solved by walking away from them.

John Handy, who described himself as "one of a fast, vanishing species of Sodus farmers" expressed his opposition to the transfer by saying "you can't get rid of social problems today by running away. We should be maintaining and upgrading our school system." Mrs. Victor Cuthbert, was the only other Sodus township resident in attendance to voice opposition against the

NON-COMMITTAL

Following these presentations, Donald McAlvey, superintendent of Eau Claire schools, informed the board that the Eau Claire school board "as of this date has not made a formal decision on the transfer, and wishes to stand non-committal at this time." He said geographically it appears to be a sound move, but indicated the Eau Claire board has expressed the question whether it could pay for Stump school.

Atty. Jones stated that if the transfer occurs the State Equalization per student for Eau Claire would jump from \$10,740 to \$15,120 and for Benton Harbor the figure would drop from \$15,000 to \$14,670.

"However, if we further take into consideration an expected one per cent decrease in enrollment in the Benton Harbor district and add to that a conservatively estimated two per cent increase in State Equalized valuation, the result after the transfer would be \$15,220 per student for Benton Harbor," Jones said.

At the start of his presentation Jones expressed the following objection on behalf of his clients: "I am objecting to the (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

PRE-SCHOOL TOTS

Vision, Hearing Tests Scheduled

Free vision and hearing tests have been scheduled for Benton Harbor pre-school children, 3½ to 4½ years old, next week at the Sterne Brunson school, 1131 Columbus Avenue.

The tests are sponsored by the Benton Harbor Lions and Lianas and are required by the state before a child may enter school. They will be administered by the Berrien County Health Department with the help of Benton Harbor School nurses.

The tests will be given on May 21, May 24-28, and June 1 and 2. Parents may schedule their children by sending their child's name and age, and their own address and telephone number to Mrs. Dan Flough, 217 Hastings, Benton Harbor.

Examinations will be administered from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

SJ Vacant Lots Will Be Mowed

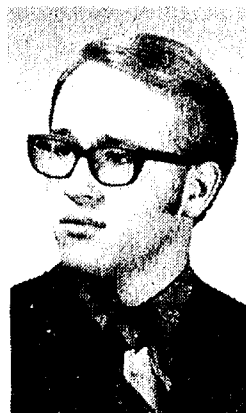
Owners of vacant lots in St. Joseph that need mowing should register with the city manager's office (383-5541) by June 1, Allen Thar, superintendent of the Forestry department, said today.

Lots will be mowed periodically as needed during the summer beginning next week, and continuing through the fall, Thar said.

The department mows grass on vacant lots and then bills the owners. To make the operation more efficient and prevent backtracking, the requests should be in the manager's office by June 1.

Owners should remove rubbish, pieces of broken concrete and other debris, which will save them money as charges are based on the length of the time it takes to mow the lot.

If a lot is not taken care of and complaints are received by the city the lot will be mowed and the bill sent to the owner, Thar said.



TOP HONORS: Ronald John Zawilla, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zawilla, 918 Church street, St. Joseph, has received his bachelor or arts degree, maxima cum laude, at Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, Zawilla, a 1967 graduate of St. Joseph Catholic high school, will enter the Dominican Order in St. Rose's priory at Dubuque in the fall to begin graduate studies in theology.

E. Lynette Hahn, Amy Hartmann Top BH Graduates

E. Lynette Hahn, who compiled a perfect attendance record in her high school career and a grade point average of 3.907, is valedictorian of the 1971 graduating class at Benton Harbor high school, Principal David Hartenbach announced.

Salutatorian is Amy Hartmann with a .3888 average out of a possible 4.0.

Miss Hahn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hahn, 505 Eloise drive, Fairplain. Miss Hartmann's parents are the Rev. and Mrs. George Hartmann, 2511 Riverbend drive, Fairplain.

Winner of a Michigan competitive scholarship, Miss Hahn plans to attend Kalamazoo college and major in mathematics for a career in computer programming.

Her activities have been Mu Alpha Theta math honorary, National Honor society, French club, yearbook staff, ninth grade girls basketball most valuable player, YWCA, Ski club, state finalist in Michigan Youth Bowling association.

A Sunday school teacher at Greek Orthodox church, she also studies Greek language, and is a member of the Silver anniversary committee of Lake Michigan college. She is employed at Terry's.

Miss Hartmann has received a scholarship from Alma college where she will prepare for a career in elementary education.

Her school activities include Prometheans, Mu Alpha Theta, Future Teachers, National Honor society, German club and yearbook. She is a Candy Stripper at Mercy hospital and a member of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. Her father is pastor of Peace Temple United Methodist church.



E. LYNETTE HAHN
Valedictorian



AMY J. HARTMANN
Salutatorian

Inter-Racial School Group Plans Meeting

Community First, an inter-racial group of persons interested in Benton Harbor schools, will hold a special meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening at Bard school.

Up for discussion will be ways in which citizens can help improve safety in the schools, the school board election, and the announced candidates, according to Don Whitaker, co-chairman.

Fairplain Northeast Registration Friday

Kindergarten registration will be Friday 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Fairplain Northeast school, 400 Lynch street. Principal Leonard Cassidy said children must be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1971, and live in the Northeast quadrant of Fairplain to be registered for next September.

Parents should bring children's birth certificates. It is not necessary to bring the children.

State's Top Small Businessman

Bridgman Industrialist Honored

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

BRIDGMAN — Fred Gelesko, founder of AD-CO Die Cast Corp. here, today stood tall among giants of industry, as he received the well-earned title of Michigan Man of the

Year among small business-

men. Telegrams of congratulations on work well-done were received by Gelesko from Gov. William Milliken and State Commerce Director Richard E. Whitmer.

The title Michigan Man of the Year was bestowed upon Gelesko by the federal Small Business Administration's Detroit office. Gelesko is among 50 small business—one from each state—to receive the annual honor. It was accom-

panied by a certificate.

The occasion for the ceremony was the regular Bridgman Boosters club luncheon at Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville. Participating in the program were members of the Bridgman Chamber of

Commerce.

Charles Lockwood, a Small Business Administration official, presented the certificate, in behalf of the Detroit district director.

The SBA reported on the meaning of the Michigan Man

of the Year Award, noting that nominees in Michigan are forwarded by 17 outstanding businessmen from throughout the state. A recipient is selected by the SBA on the basis of ability to grow in business, and the affect of his business on the total economy.

Gelesko, a native of Benton Harbor, began here in a very small way in 1954, when he started Gelesko Tool and Engineering Corp. on Red Arrow highway.

Gelesko said the first major change occurred when he entered the die casting industry in 1962, founding AD-CO Die Cast Corp. at its present site off Rambo road.

There were a handful of employees and one building. And there was a great assist from Farmers & Merchants bank, headquartered in Benton Harbor.

Gelesko said J. Ken Keefer, then president and now board chairman of the F&M bank, was instrumental in getting through an SBA-backed loan for \$250,000. That was in 1962, and Gelesko termed it the first SBA loan in Southwestern Michigan. Gelesko also voiced credit to Ray Dunke of Dunke & Associates, St. Joseph public accounting firm that has handled his firm's books as auditor since he started in business.

AD-CO (the name originally stood for accurate die castings) today employs an average of 75 persons. The single building has been expanded to four plant buildings and a modern office building.

Gelesko has relinquished his title of president, and now serves AD-CO as chairman of the board. He said his son, Ronald, is president and general manager; while two other sons, James and John, head machine production and the tool room, respectively.

Gelesko's wife, Ruby, serves as secretary-treasurer of the firm and was credited by Gelesko for being instrumental in the firm's development. While only semi-active in the firm's affairs now, Gelesko said she had been involved since the start.

50 CUSTOMERS
Gelesko said AD-CO has never aimed its output to one major industry or huge manufacturer. He said there are about 50 customers.

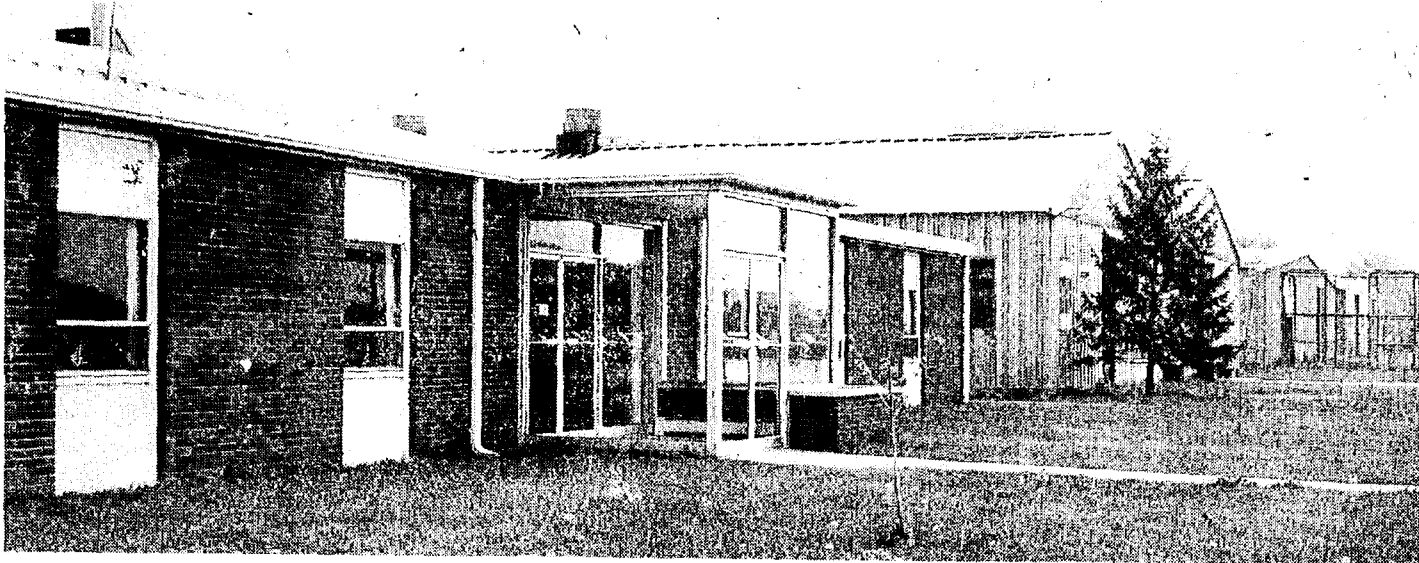
Production today includes castings for the government for use in aircraft instrument landing systems. Other die cast parts are used in pressure systems of water units of mobile homes.

Minibike wheels are another line. Gelesko said AD-CO makes the complete minibike part and sells them to various bike manufacturers. He said production of minibike wheels at AD-CO should run about a half million dollars this year.

Gelesko, 50, is a graduate of Benton Harbor high school. He learned his skills by working his way up the line. After high school, he worked several years as a tool maker in a naval plant in Pennsylvania. He then resided a short time in Colorado and later was employed for several years at the Studebaker plant in South Bend.



TOP HONOR: Fred Gelesko, founder and board chairman of AD-CO Die Cast Corp., Bridgman, discusses firm's growth, shortly before receiving federal Small Business Administration Michigan Man of the Year, among small businessmen award. SBA presented award—the only one of its type in Michigan each year—during luncheon at Win Schuler's restaurant. Before Gelesko are die cast parts used in pressure systems of water units for mobile homes. (Staff photo)



EXPANSION IS VISIBLE: AD-CO Die Cast Corp., Rambo road, Bridgman, was started by Fred Gelesko in 1964, with one build-

ing. Now there are four plant buildings and a modern office. Firm employs an average of 70 persons. (Staff photo)

Ground Rules Established In Migrant Camp Dispute

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — A consent decree enjoining a Van Buren County fruit grower from interfering with operations of social agencies trying to aid migrant workers has been entered in federal court here.

The decree was issued in the form of a preliminary injunction against Joseph Hassle, 38, of Keeler, one of Michigan's major fruit growers. It will remain in effect until the U.S. Justice department's suit is resumed later this year. Testimony in the suit was started yesterday, but recessed after

negotiations among lawyers for the grower, the federal government and the State of Michigan resulted in the temporary decree.

The injunction forbids Hassle from threatening, harassing or intimidating representatives of any non-profit organization working to improve migrant living conditions.

It does not, however, give labor organizers the right to enter Hassle's migrant camps.

GROUND RULES

A number of limitations were placed on the rights of social agency representatives when they enter the camps. The agencies must, in advance, notify Hassle of their plans to visit the camps and their purposes and approximately when the visits will be made. The representatives are permitted only in the camp areas and not in the fields or other work areas of the farm, unless authorized by Hassle. Among other requirements are that they must produce identification; must give Hassle a copy of any literature distributed; must explain to Hassle why they are there, and must leave the camp if requested by the migrant they seek to contact.

Much of the debate among the lawyers involved the decree's final paragraph—declaring that the issue of access to Hassle's camps by labor organizations "is not considered in this preliminary action."

U.S. District Judge Noel P. Fox said since no labor group is a party to this suit, the decree cannot be binding upon labor organizations.

Hassle's lawyers insisted upon a clause barring labor organizers from the grower's properties.

The suit against Hassle filed in March is the first of its kind ever filed by the Justice Department.

Hassle was represented by Attorneys Joseph Hartwig and

John Crow of Benton Harbor. By order of the judge, Van Buren County was permitted to intervene in the suit on the side of Hassle. Atty. Anthony Eden of Grand Rapids represented the county. A companion damage suit filed by a migrant lists a Van Buren County deputy sheriff as co-defendant with Hassle.

The suit, which still must be tried, contends that Hassle threatened and physically attacked representatives of federal, state, local and private aid programs when they tried to enter his migrant labor camps.

The Justice Department identified Hassle as the owner of the largest farms and orchards in Van Buren County. It said he had more than 1,000 migrants living with 15 labor camps he operated in the southwestern Michigan County during 1970.

More
When Tuesday's hearings began at 9:30 a.m., James R.

Shrift, head of the United Migrants for Opportunity office in Van Buren County, was the first witness.

Then John Bowers, a bearded law student who worked with the organization last summer, testified that Hassle ordered him to leave one of his camps and beat him when he refused.

WINDOWS BROKEN
Hassle pleaded guilty in district court last July to a charge of malicious destruction of car windows after Bowers' automobile was damaged. Hassle said he broke the automobile window with a baseball bat when Bowers refused to leave his land.

The final witness was Sister Betty Louise La Budie, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph who now teaches high school biology in Riverview, Mich.

Last summer she was employed by the Van Buren County Health Department.

She said she and another nun

were ordered by Hassle to leave his property while they were seeking a migrant worker whose child had been injured.

Hassle and his wife were on hand for the hearing but did not testify. In fact, no witnesses testified for the defense, although about six had been summoned.

Grand Rapids Tries To Cool Race Tension

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The first in a series of orientation sessions at racially troubled Union High School was scheduled to begin today despite legal action aimed at preventing the school's reopening.

Judge Albert Engel of U.S. District Court set a hearing today on a petition filed Tuesday by the local branch of the NAACP seeking an order against reopening of the school.

The petition charges that school officials cannot guarantee the safety of union's students.

Bond Sale Meeting Is Called

COLOMA — A special meeting of the Coloma city commission is set for Friday at 7:30 p.m. to act on contracts for a proposed bond sale needed in the financing of the \$11 million Paw Paw Lake sewage treatment system.

The contracts will spell out the city's obligation in repayment and give approval for the Berrien Public Works board to handle the actual bond sale.

Bonds amounting to \$5 million are to be sold to help pay for the system which is to serve the cities and townships of Watervliet and Coloma. The rest is to come from federal and state grants.

Officials in Coloma township, Watervliet and Watervliet township are to act on similar contracts before the bonds may be sold. Construction bids are scheduled to be sought on the work June 16.

Members of the Paw Paw Lake Sewage Planning commission, which is overseeing planning for the project, are to meet Friday afternoon with Thomas Sinn, county planning director, and bonding counsel to receive the proposed contracts.

Eau Claire Annexation Approved

The Berrien county board of commissioners this week approved the annexation of 30.223 acres of land at Hips Hollow and Hochberger roads in Berrien township to the Village of Eau Claire.

The parcel, owned by Henry J. Prillwitz, lies at the southwest corner of the village. Prillwitz sought the annexation to obtain village services, county commissioners were told. The tract is unoccupied.

Bridgman Phone Head Is Named

BRIDGMAN — George W. Lee has been appointed commercial manager at the New Citizens Telephone Co. here.

The appointment was announced by C.M. Wiley, division manager for the Mid-Continent Telephone Corp., parent firm of the Bridgman company. Wiley said Lee was being transferred to the Bridgman office from the position of central office engineer at the Rural Telephone Co. in Stockbridge. Rural is also a subsidiary of Mid-Continent.

Lee started with the Stockbridge firm six years ago and became central office engineer in 1969.

Active in community affairs, Lee was president of the newly chartered Jaycees at Stockbridge. A graduate of Stockbridge High School, he served in Korea with the Army Security Agency in Army intelligence.

With his wife Joan, they have two children, Dale, 6, and Gregory, 18 months.

Mrs. Ford Will Be Honored

Mrs. Helen Ford, former executive director of the Tri-County Community Action Commission (Tri-CAP), will be honored at a dinner scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, at the St. Joseph Holiday Inn motel.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Wilhelmina Heggwood at 926-6191; or Mrs. Ruth Madison at 983-6109.

Mrs. Ford, a native of Chicago, was named to head the anti-poverty agency serving Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, in March, 1970. The agency last fall lost federal



MRS. HELEN FORD

funding last February but a poor people's committee has been working to revive it.

Union Pier Residents Eying Incorporation

UNION PIER — Members of the Union Pier Property Owners association agreed last night to consider further the proposed incorporation of the area as a village.

The group's attorney, David Vander Ploeg, St. Joseph, is scheduled to advise them on legal involvement at their next meeting in July.

The group learned that signatures would be needed from 65

per cent of the area's reported 3,000 property owners to forward the incorporation movement.

Also discussed was the possibility of becoming a "summer village," where the community would remain under the control of township boards but could conduct meetings and bring recommendations to township officials.

In other business, Jerry Cov-

ert, president of the association, announced his resignation which was prompted by his recent appointment as Union Pier postmaster.

A committee was appointed to investigate the reopening of the Gordon Beach Hotel, reportedly purchased recently by a Chicago organization.

The hotel, located along the lake, has been closed for the past two years.



RECOGNIZE BUCHANAN MAN: Milford H. Schultz (right), president of LaSalle Federal Savings and Loan association of Buchanan, receives Chapter President plaque in tribute to his service as president of St. Joseph Valley chapter of Society of Real Estate Appraisers during past year. Presenting award at recent dinner meeting in South Bend is Jon Moyer of Elkhart, newly-elected chapter president. Both Schultz and Moyer hold the professional designation of Senior Residential Appraiser (SRA).

New Buffalo Property Tax Rate Boosted

NEW BUFFALO—City property owners face a \$2 boost in taxes paid on each \$1,000 of state equalized value of property here to help finance city operations in the 1971-72 fiscal year.

The city council boosted the city tax rate from 18 to 20 mills to finance a \$433,493 budget for next year's operation. Each mill equals \$1 per \$1,000 of the equalized value.

The additional revenue will amount to about \$26,000 with proceeds from a half mill, or \$8,500 earmarked to pay for a water line extension on Riviera road.

The balance will cover most of a projected \$33,580 boost in next year's operating costs compared to this year.

In all the city property taxes produce about \$260,000 yearly toward financing city operations. The balance comes from state sources and the city operated water department.

In other business, the council voted to appoint seven residents to a zoning board of appeals, after recinding a November, 1970, action that named the council as the appeal board unit.

Appointed were Ronald Smith, Charles Topp, Edward Paloucek, Victor Brewer, William Joyal, George Slechia, and William Dunkel.

County Commissioner Edward Grieger reported that a technicality has delayed county board of public works action on a multi-million dollar sewage treatment project that will serve the city and New Buffalo and Chikaming townships.

Grieger said New Buffalo township must provide in writing its approval of engineers before the county can move on the project.

The council voted to allow E. W. Schmitt, 1020 Water street, Sunset Shores, to install a three-foot fence on city property near his home for a play area. Schmitt agreed to remove the fence at his expense if necessary.

City Manager Andrew Krycka reported that Townsend, Taylor and Jameson streets will be blacktopped this summer from Buffalo to Clay and Detroit streets.

The council voted to contact the Berrien board of public health regarding alleged sanitary violations at the Sima Marina, reportedly leased recently by a Donald Schultz.

Also approved was a request from Lucien Davin, representing Cub Scout Troop 52, which sought permission to hold a soap box derby Aug. 15 on Marquette drive.

In a separate meeting, the New Buffalo water board last night voted to charge a \$10 fee to residents who request inspection of water meters. If the meter is found to be faulty, the fee will be returned.

Robert Krebs, water superintendent, had told the board that there are from 25 to 30 unfounded water reading complaints per month.

City Manager Krycka was authorized to advertise for bids on the six-inch water line extension planned for Riviera road. Bids are to be opened at the June meeting of the water board.

The board approved payment of \$28,787.50 to the Farmers' Home Administration, representing principal and interest on a loan when the lake water system was constructed.